

Warriors high school baseball team which recently won the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Warriors are a highly talented group of athletes that are currently ranked Number One in the USA Today and Baseball America standings. The team has had a nearly perfect season at 38-1, and has provided their school, their families, and our community so much to be proud of.

Let us all raise a cheer for the Warriors and congratulate them on their victory.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's attention on this day for these talented young Americans.

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 30, 2005*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an important historical event that will take place on Friday, July 1, 2005: the inauguration of the 41st mayor for the city of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa.

The first Latino mayor of Los Angeles since 1872, Antonio Villaraigosa will lead one of our Nation's most diversely populated cities. His understanding and compassion to address specific social issues will play a significant role as he secures constituent access to local government resources. Mayor Villaraigosa understands the importance of environmental protection, access to quality employment, equal educational opportunities and smart urban growth.

Mayor Villaraigosa is one of the most promising leaders of our country. I served with him in the California State Assembly. As Speaker of the Assembly, he helped to expand the Healthy Families program to provide health care access for all children. He also helped to pass one of largest park bonds in the State of California, which helped to identify areas in low-income communities to establish urban conservancies. As a result, my district was a proud recipient of one of the largest urban conservancies in California.

Mayor Villaraigosa is an individual who has successfully built bridges between the diverse racial and ethnic communities of Los Angeles. He promotes empowering people and our communities. As we move forward with this change in leadership, with a man who understands the importance of serving the people of Los Angeles, we can add a new chapter in our city's history.

He is a champion for working class families and someone I look forward to continuing to work with in the future. I extend the best wishes to Mayor Villaraigosa and his family.

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA  
CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH FOR  
RECEIVING THE NATIONAL CIVIC  
LEAGUE'S "ALL-AMERICAN  
CITY" AWARD

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 30, 2005*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the City of Pompano Beach for its recent honor as one of the National Civic League's ten All-America Cities for the year of 2005. This award, which is presented every year to the ten cities that most represent civic excellence, is a true tribute to the great residents of the City of Pompano Beach and the state of Florida. I am proud to stand before this body and honor this great Florida city, which I am so privileged to represent.

Each year, the National Civic League crowns its winners of the coveted All-America Cities Award—the nation's longest running and most prestigious civic recognition program. The National Civic League is a leading proponent of citizen democracy. Founded in 1894 by government reformers such as Theodore Roosevelt, the National Civic League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to building community and promoting political reform at the local level.

The All-America City award recognizes American cities for their civic excellence. The award honors communities, such as the City of Pompano Beach, in which citizens, government, businesses and nonprofit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues. Since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed and only 500 have been designated All-America Cities. The cities honored by the National Civic League highlight the successes of communities across America and serve as examples of how to work together to overcome obstacles and achieve tangible results.

In order to be named an All-America City, finalists must present three innovative community programs to a nine-person jury. These presentations addressed a wide range of social and community issues, including youth, education, poverty, affordable housing, race relations, and others.

The All-America City award has been called "a Nobel prize for constructive citizenship."

Mr. Speaker, no city exemplifies the idea of constructive citizenship more than the City of Pompano Beach. From its humble beginnings as a small settlement on the shores of the Atlantic to its current size of over 25 square miles, Pompano Beach now boasts over 100,000 full time residents.

The City was at one point the southernmost railroad station of the famous Florida East Coast Railway. It was not until the railway was built that South Florida was finally linked to the rest of the Nation. The first train arrived in the small settlement of Pompano on February 22, 1896. At that time, the town consisted mainly of farmers and a handful of railway employees and professionals. Since then, the city has grown quickly, with farmland in the west and a peaceful beach town atmosphere in the east. These two areas merged successfully in 1947 to form the present day City of Pompano Beach.

The diverse population of Pompano Beach, with its thriving Black community, is its biggest asset. Pompano Beach combines the lifestyle of a quiet seaside community with the benefits of a major metropolitan area. Its high quality of living, as well as its commitment to improving the lives of its citizens, has led to a quickly growing population.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Pompano Beach, Florida have brought credit and honor not only to themselves and their city but also to the people and State of Florida. The City of Pompano Beach is worthy of the praises of the people of Florida as well as the Members of the House of Representatives. It is a city truly worthy of emulation and worthy of the title All-America City.

RECOGNITION OF DOUG STOLL

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 30, 2005*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of an educational role model, Doug Stoll.

On July 7, 2005, The Creative Coalition and The American Federation of Teachers will honor Mr. Stoll with a 2005 Spotlight Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Stoll is a fifth-grade teacher at Canyon Charter School in Santa Monica, California. Canyon Charter was founded in 1894 and is the oldest elementary school in Los Angeles. It is a public school educating over 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

When he accepts his award, Mr. Stoll will be accompanied by Lawrence O'Donnell, the father of one of his recent students, who is a political analyst, writer, and member of The Creative Coalition. I join Mr. O'Donnell in thanking Mr. Stoll for his commitment to the children at Canyon Charter School.

I congratulate Mr. Stoll on receiving this award and commend him for his enthusiasm and dedication. I would also like to extend my appreciation to both The Creative Coalition and The American Federation of Teachers for their support of our public schools.

RECOGNIZING FOURTH OF JULY

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 30, 2005*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, we won independence and democracy was born. We created a great Nation and established a hopeful vision of liberty and equality that endures today.

Independence Day is a joyous occasion for Americans as we take pride in our Nation's diversity and accomplishments. The United States is truly a diverse Nation made up of dynamic people. Every day thousands of people from all cultures come to this country seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and the American dream.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July let us express our gratitude to the brave servicemen